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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examination of the application and calculation of the filing fees, please cancel claims 5-8, without prejudice. Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 16 and 19 as follows:

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1. (Thrice Amended) A method to combine diversely encoded audio data streams, comprising:
 - receiving a first audio data stream in a first perceptually based format;
 - decoding the first audio data stream into a linear pulse code modulated format;
 - obtaining a second audio data stream in a linear pulse code modulated format; and
 - combining the decoded first audio data stream with the second audio data stream for receipt by a CODEC.

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